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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor W. Michael Meserve
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Embassy Tokyo Political Officer followed up on reftel demarches May 15 with MOFA Human Rights Division UNHRC Desk Officer Noriko Tanaka. Tanaka said that Japan intends to vote for Slovenia and has offered its support to Bosnia in exchange for Bosnia's support for Japan in next year's election. Japan will definitely not vote for Belarus, but is unwilling to lobby other countries to vote against Belarus, added Tanaka. Tanaka, when asked, was unwilling to elaborate.
SCHIEFFER